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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/13/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-34.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: Title changed to "Dual Mode liquid crystal displays (LCDs) with electromechanical reflective array.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, and 3-34 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1 and 3 –14 and 26-34, there is no prior art of record that teaches a liquid crystal display comprising: A liquid crystal display comprising: a micro-electromechanical reflective array; and a plurality of plates associated with the micro-electromechanical reflective array, the plates being movable between first and second positions, the plates being configured to operate in a first mode of operation when the plurality of plates are in the first position and configured to operate in a second mode of operation when the plurality of plates are in the second position. The liquid crystal display of claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal display further comprises a plurality of pixels, wherein ones of the plurality of plates correspond to ones of the plurality of

pixels, wherein the first mode of operation is a reflective mode of operation and wherein the second mode of operation is a transmissive mode of operation.

Regarding claims 15-25, the references fail to teach a liquid crystal display comprising: a micro-electromechanical reflective array disposed in a liquid crystal display; a plurality of plates associated with the micro-electromechanical reflective array, the plates being movable between first and second positions, **the first position being substantially parallel to the liquid crystal display and the second position being substantially normal to the liquid crystal display; and a sensor configured to sense ambient light and generate a control signal, the plurality of plates being configured to be in the first position when the control signal is asserted and configured to be in the second position when the control signal is not asserted.**

Minoura teaches a liquid crystal comprising a micro-electromechanical reflective array and a plurality of plates associated with the micro-electromechanical reflective array, the plates being movable between first and second positions and being configured to operate in a first mode of operation when the plurality of plates are in the first position and a second mode of operation when the plates are in a the second position (see claim 1 rejection). Minoura teaches the plates movable between first and second positions however fails to disclose any exact or relative positions that would indicate being parallel or perpendicular to the LC layer.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

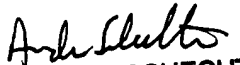
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phu Vu whose telephone number is (571)-272-1562. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-5PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571)-272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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